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Date: August 9, 2001 :
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DEVICE :
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Sir:

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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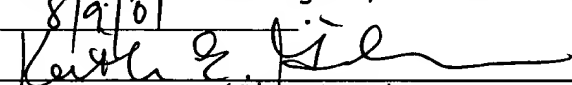
Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A corpectomy device, comprising:
 - a) a first member having a longitudinal axis;
 - b) a second member moveable in an axial direction with respect to said first member; and

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